

Aycliffe Village Primary School  
*Great oaks from tiny acorns grow*



**Willow Class - Reception**  
**Autumn Term 2019**  
**What are we learning this term?**

Welcome to our school and to Willow Class! We are very excited you have joined us and look forward to helping you settle into school life.

Read on to find out about the interesting things that we will be learning about this term.

**Outdoor learning**

We will be outside in all weathers so please can your child bring a coat to school every day, and hats and gloves (named) as the weather turns colder. Children have access to water proof trousers and we do have some spare wellies, however if your child has an old pair that could be left in school then please send them in clearly named.

**PE**

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday, however this can change depending on school events. Please can your child bring their PE kit into school to leave here until the October half term holiday when it will be sent home for you to check and wash. Can PE kits please have a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and black PE shoes all clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Tapestry**

You will shortly be receiving an activation email to create your login for Tapestry. Once you have created your login you will be able to like and comment on observations taken place in school. You will also be able to share experiences from home.

**Water bottles**

Your child can a named water bottle into school each day with water in. We encourage children to drink water throughout the day, however if your child does not have a water bottle they still have access to water.

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## Show and Tell

Show and tell will be on a Friday. We would like your child, over the course of the term, to bring something of interest to them into school, or shared on Tapestry. They should be able to talk about it for a little while and answer a question. This activity develops their speaking and listening skills.

Items might include,

- photos
- favourite toy
- postcard
- leaflet
- favourite book
- magic trick!

Children will bring their items into school when they come in at the start of the day, not before "line up time". Please make sure your child can carry the item independently, as well as their book bag etc.

If you have any queries relating to this newsletter or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the team.

We look forward to working with you and child on their learning journey over the next term.

Best wishes from the EYFS team

## Reading

As the children settle in we will be introducing phonics, (meeting on Monday 23rd September) and eventually reading books. Once children have begun learning a sound, they will bring a Phonics Book home with the sound they have learnt, the action and the rhyme for letter formation. Please practise these sounds a little each night, as this will help them with their reading skills. The Phonics Books need to be in their bag each day so we can add new sounds as we teach them. We will be sending reading books home when we feel your child is ready for them. Please remember, that we do not expect all children to develop at the same rate and starting a reading book is a very special moment in school. Each child is on their own journey and we are proud of the achievements that they all make when learning to read.

## Library books

Your child will have the opportunity to take home a library books from school. Please look at the book together and enjoy spending time looking at the pictures, talking about the story and having fun with the books. We would love you to share this learning on Tapestry. The book should be returned the following Friday when they can select a new one.

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## Communication, Language

Follow instructions.  
Listen to and join in with stories with a repeated refrain.  
Use speech to organise and sequence ideas.  
Listen to and respond appropriately to what others say.

## Mathematics

Number recognition and formation numbers 1 to 5, then 5 to 10, then 10 to 20.  
Count a given number of items from a larger group.  
Name 2D shapes.  
Orders two items by weight

## Understanding of the World

Share special family times with friends.  
Discuss and know the changes that take place within Autumn.  
Operate a programme on the computer using the mouse and keyboard.  
Make bread and begin to understand where foods come from.

## Literacy

Be able to find and write their name independently.  
To begin to learn Phase 2 sounds.  
Begin to read Phase 2 High Frequency Words.  
To identify and write the initial sounds in words.  
Be able to retell a story.

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## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Become familiar with staff and build relationships.  
Develop independence in the environment.  
Play cooperatively and take turns.  
Know how to be kind to each other.  
Discuss and share our feelings.  
Know who we can talk to in school if we are feeling unhappy or someone is being unkind.

## Expressive arts and design

Create paintings and leaf rubbings of a tree in Autumn.  
Being to learn new songs and actions in Assembly.  
Construct with a purpose in mind using a variety of resources.  
Introduce a storyline or narrative in the small world area or role play area.

## Physical Development

Develop fine motor skills.  
Develop gross motor skills.  
Letter and number formation.  
Dress independently for PE.  
Fasten coats independently.  
Dress independently for the outdoor environment, put on waterproof trousers and wellies.